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HARU-
I'M REALLY HUNGRY. I GUESS I'LL DIE HERE FOR SURE
HARU.
IF SO, MOM WILL DEFINITELY GIVE NACCHAN AN AWFUL SCOLDING.
HA-
RU-
NACCHAN DESERVES GETTING SCOLDED TO DEATH...
HARU THERE YOU ARE!

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BanaQUA

MY ELDER BROTHER, WHO IS 2 YEARS OLDER THAN ME, IS AN IDIOT.
AH! HARU, YOU IDIOT! WHERE DID YOU DISAPPEAR OFF TO?
I'M NOT AN IDIOT SINCE WE'RE PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK. I JUST WENT TO HIDE MYSELF.
EVERYBODY IS GOING TO MINOYA TO EAT ICE-CREAM NOW.
HE OFTEN FORGETS ABOUT ME
EVEN WHEN WE'RE PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK, HE NEVER REMEMBERS ME AND ENDS UP LEAVING ME BEHIND.
NATSUKI- I FOUND HARU!
I'M NOT GOING
WHY?
THERE IT IS. HARU'S SELFISHNESS. YOU'RE ALWAYS LIKE THAT.
LEAVE HIM BE. LET'S GO, SOU-CHAN.

STUPID NACCHAN...
HARU YOU CAN GO BACK ON YOUR OWN, RIGHT?
IT'S FINE
BUT...

SINCE I WAS A STUBBORN KID, I KEPT LOOKING DOWN AND DESPERATELY TRIED TO KEEP MY TEARS FROM FLOWING OUT.
AS I HEARD MY BROTHER'S VOICE GETTING SMALLER, I STOOD THERE THINKING I SHOULD'VE CALLED OUT TO HIM NOT TO LEAVE ME ALONE

IT'LL BE MORE FUN IF HARU COMES.
LET'S GO.
SOU-CHAN...
ARE YOU NOT GOING?

WAS SOU-CHAN, MY BROTHER'S BEST FRIEND
THE ONLY ONE WHO STRETCHED OUT HIS HAND AND ACCEPTED A WILLFUL BRAT LIKE ME
COPY-CAT!
YOU'RE ANNOYING. EVERYONE'S DOING IT
THERE'S NO FRESHMAN WHO WOULD ROLL UP HIS BLAZER'S SLEEVES LIKE YOU
YOU LIAR!
YOU'RE COPYING SOU-CHAN AGAIN!

I'M NOT IMITATING ANYTHING.
YOU HAVE A BAD CHARACTER.
SOU-CHAN SENPAI ~ HARU IS IMITATING YOU AGAIN.

I'M IN THE "GO-HOME-AFTER-SCHOOL" CLUB YOU KNOW
WHY DON'T YOU JOIN OUR CLUB, TOO? SINCE YOU WAIT FOR SOU-CHAN EVERY SINGLE DAY UNTIL HE'S DONE WITH HIS CLUB ACTIVITIES

YOU EVEN GOT INTO THE SAME SECONDARY AND HIGH SCHOOL AS SOU-CHAN.
AND NOW YOU'RE ALSO IN THE SAME TRACK AND FIELD CLUB AS HIM. GEEZ-
AREN'T YOU ALSO IN THE SAME SECONDARY AND HIGH SCHOOL AS HIM? STUPID.

Dun wanna! That's tiring!
QUIT IT, YOU TWO DON'T QUARREL FOR MY SAKE, PLEASE!

BanaNoMA

SEE YOU, HARU
AH... OOPS
WE'VE TO GO NOW
YEAH. SEE YOU LATER
THE TRUTH IS, I HAVE BECOME MORE ATTACHED TO SOU-CHAN THAN MY STUPID BROTHER I IMITATE HIM IN EVERYTHING
EVEN SO, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN BE WITH HIM ALL THE TIME LIKE MY BROTHER
IF SOU-CHAN DOESN'T TURN AROUND TO LOOK AT ME, I FEEL LIKE I DON'T EVEN EXIST ANYMORE
HOW BORING

thump
AMA-ZING!
YOU CAN JUMP REALLY HIGH
YOU'RE IN GREAT SHAPE TODAY, HUH?
I CAN JUMP EVEN HIGHER, YOU KNOW.
MUKI.

IT'LL BE SUCH A WASTE IF YOU QUIT NOW...
H-M... I WONDER ABOUT THAT.
JUST SO YOU KNOW, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO GO TO A GOOD UNIVERSITY WITH YOUR TALENT.
I'M STILL BAD
DO YOU PLAN TO CONTINUE JUMPING AFTER GRADUATING?
IF YOU DO, I'LL INTRODUCE SOME GOOD UNIVERSITIES TO YOU
THERE IT IS THE GREAT HARU-SAMA'S DEDUCTION
HAHAHA IS THAT SO?
IT MAKES ME WONDER IF THERE'S A REASON WHY YOU'D WANT TO QUIT
WELL, YOU MIGHT GET INTO A GOOD SCHOOL WITH THIS. WHO KNOWS?
HARU, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

THAT REMINDS ME. WHY DID YOU WANT TO JOIN THE TRACK AND FIELD CLUB?
ALTHOUGH HE CAN JUMP SO HIGH AND BEAUTIFULLY LIKE THAT
HIS EASY-GOING SIDE IS ALSO COOL.
YOU'RE WRONG.
YOU'RE TRYING TO COPY ME AFTER ALL?
AHAHA.
UWAH. YOU'RE GETTING ON MY NERVES.
I JUST THOUGHT THAT IF YOU CAN DO IT, THEN I CAN TOO.

I'm a celeb who wants to eat hamburger.
I wanna eat hamburger.
WHAT?
NATSUKI
SOU-CHAN.
YOU LITTLE
CELEB?
I GOT IT. I'LL GO THERE LATER
THEN I'M LEAVING FIRST, OKAY?
I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM...
... IS HE REALLY PREPARING FOR HIS EXAM?
DOES HE STUDY AT HOME?
I THINK SO.
BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM DOING THAT.

...

I'M GOING TO A FAMILY RESTAURANT AFTER THIS. HARU, WANNA TAG ALONG?

— I'LL PASS

NO MATTER HOW MUCH I IMITATE HIM, I CAN NEVER BECOME THE PERSON HIMSELF
TO SOU-CHAN, I'LL ALWAYS REMAIN AS NOTHING MORE THAN HIS BEST FRIEND'S YOUNGER BROTHER

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THE YOUNGER KASHI!'S GETTING CONFESSED TO AGAIN
YOUR BROTHER SURE IS POPULAR, HUH?
I THOUGHT HE WAS A SILENT, PRETTY BOY WHO INITIALLY GAVE OFF A MYSTERY AURA. BUT HE TURNED OUT TO BE YOUR BROTHER.
HE WAS A HOT TOPIC WHEN HE ENROLLED INTO THIS SCHOOL
NAKKI WOULD ALSO BE POPULAR IF YOU JUST KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT!
NAKKI! YOUR BROTHER'S BEING CALLED
Are you serious? Where?
I'M SAYING THAT HE'S GOT A SUPER BAD CHARACTER.
A SUPER CHEEKY GUY!
WHAT'S THAT?
DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER.
NAH, THAT GIRL IS SO PITIFUL FOR NOT KNOWING HIS TRUE CHARACTER.

AH...
CATE... CATEGOZAURS WHAT? DINOSAUR?
DON'T CATEGORIZE ME AS YOU PLEASE.
NAKAMURA, ARE YOU ALSO THE DELUSIONAL TYPE WHO THINKS THAT A PRETTY FACE EQUATES TO A GOOD PERSONALITY?
EH? REALLY? THAT'S A BIT SHOCKING
AH~ HE MADE HER CRY...
THAT HE REPLIED.
BY THE WAY, I HEARD FROM A GIRL WHO CONFESSED AND ASKED HIM TO GO OUT WITH HER BEFORE,
THAT'S AWFUL DUMPING HER AND EVEN MAKING HER CRY... HOW TERRIBLE

"WHY SHOULD I GO OUT WITH YOU?"
THAT'S NOT TRUE! HARU IS A GOOD KID.
A GUY WITH A PRETTY FACE DOESN'T MEAN HIS CHARACTER'S ALSO GOOD, HUH...?
UWAH— UNBELI-EVABLE!
...JUST LIKE THAT
ALSO, HE'S TOO FRANK!
I DON'T CARE!
WHY DON'T YOU TELL HIM THAT?
HE'S A GOOD KID. IT'S JUST THAT HE'S NOT GOOD AT CHOOSING HIS WORDS PROPERLY!
DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY THAT HIS CHARACTER IS BAD?
SO WHICH ONE IS IT?

EVEN THOUGH HE CAN'T SAY OUTRIGHT WHAT HE WANTS TO SAY ALL THIS TIME..
SMACK
clatter
clatter
I DID IT
FINALLY!
THE 2.10M LEVEL WHICH I HAD BEEN STUCK AT...!
clench

I WONDER IF I COULD JUMP AS BEAUTIFULLY AS SOU-CHAN
KASHII, 2.10M CLEAR
I CAN'T SEE MY OWN FORM LIKE THIS
OH RIGHT, MY FORM
HE JUMPS SO LIGHTLY AS IF HE'S DEFYING GRAVITY.
WAS HE WATCHING ME?
KASHII'S GOT TALENT
WITH THIS, HE HAS SURPASSED YOUR RECORDS DURING YOUR FIRST YEAR.
...TSK.

YEAH.
SOU-CHAN, I DID IT.
...
WELL DONE, HARU.
...

boasting
SOU-CHAN SAID HE'S GOING TO QUIT THE CLUB, DID YOU HEAR?
I KNOW. HE TOLD ME TODAY.
HE SAID HE WANTED TO FOCUS ON HIS EXAMS.
IS HIS FIRST CHOICE A DIFFICULT ONE TO GET IN?
I DON'T KNOW. HE ONLY SAID THAT IT TAKES 2 HOURS TO GET THERE BY BULLET TRAIN
WHAT?
SO HE'LL LIVE THERE IF HE GETS ACCEPTED? AT THAT PLACE WHICH TAKES 2 HOURS TO GO BY BULLET TRAIN?
YEP
WHAT THE HELL? I DON'T GET IT.

...EH?

THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN BE TOGETHER FOREVER.
THERE'LL COME A DAY WHEN WE HAVE TO PART WAYS.

OF COURSE NOT WE CHOSE DIFFERENT UNIVERSITIES
SO YOU'RE ALSO APPLYING TO THAT SCHOOL?

COZ WE'RE BEST FRIENDS
HOW CAN YOU SAY SUCH A THING SO EASILY?

I DON'T GET IT.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

...NACCHAN IS SO SLY.

BangYou.A

HE'S CUTE
WHAT'S WITH YOU GUYS?
REPEATEDLY SAYING "YOUNGER BROTHER"... SO DAMN NOISY.
AH- KASHI'S YOUNGER BRO HUH?
AREN'T YOU KASHI'S YOUNGER BROTHER?
WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT? I'M NOT LOOKING FOR YOU BITCHES
SOU-CHAN
SOU-CHAN
SOU-CHAN.
TURN AROUND AND LOOK AT ME, SOU-CHAN

IF NOT, I'M GONNA...
WHERE DID YOU APPLY TO?
WHICH UNIVERSITY?
IF I FAIL IT'LL BE EMBARRASSING SO I WON'T TELL
THERE'S NO WAY YOU WOULD FAIL
...IT HAS A STRONG TRACK AND FIELD CLUB, DOESN'T IT?
NO, MAYBE IT'S NOT THAT STRONG.
ANYWAY, I QUIT.

YOU SHOULDN'T TAKE HIS WORDS SERIOUSLY
HOW COME? DIDN'T SENSEI TELL YOU THAT YOU CAN GO TO A GOOD ONE?
YOU QUIT ?!
IT'S NOT FUN AT ALL.
ARE YOU GONNA ABANDON IT HALFWAY LIKE THAT?
HARU?
...
...
SO ANNOYING. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.

EH...?
POI
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SHOULD CONTINUE SENSEI SAID THAT YOU HAVE TALENT YOU KNOW?
AH-
...
...THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU, RIGHT?

IF YOU DON'T TURN AROUND TO LOOK AT ME, I MIGHT AS WELL NOT EXIST.

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BEEP
step
run
run
run
JUMP

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SOU-CHAN, SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT.
I'M SORRY.
IT'S FINE YOU ALWAYS MAKE ME WAIT.
I don't reflect on that though.
WHERE IS HARU?
HE LEFT FIRST SINCE HE HAS MORNING PRACTICE
THUD

LOOKS LIKE ATTENDING MORNING PRACTICE HAS PAID OFF!
YEAH.
I'm glad.
WOW! YOU'RE IN GREAT CONDITI-ON!
YEAH

MY RELATIONSHIP WITH SOU-CHAN
HAS TURNED AWKWARD SINCE OUR FIGHT
I'VE BEEN AVOIDING HIM AS A RESULT
I'VE IMMERSED MYSELF IN CLUB ACTIVITIES
APOLOGIZE? FOR WHAT?
IF I HAD APOLOGIZED BACK THEN
OUR RELATIONSHIP WOULDN'T HAVE BECOME THIS BAD
...THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU, RIGHT?

IT'S THE TRUTH ANYWAY ...
laugh
haha
laugh
ARE YOU STILL HALF ASLEEP?
KASHII-
IT'S TIME TO CLEAN UP!

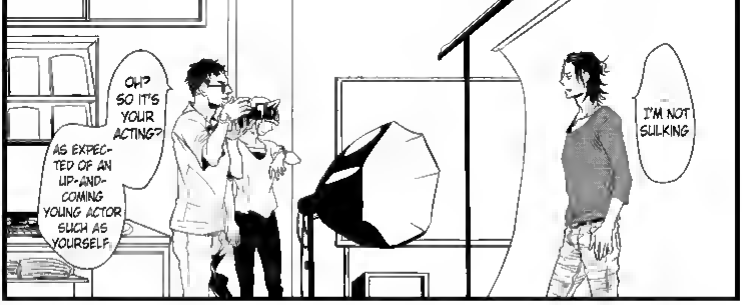
DID YOU HAVE A FIGHT WITH SOU-CHAN?
...WHY DO YOU ASK?
CAUSE YOU'RE AVOIDING HIM IN THE MORNINGS AS WELL AS AFTER SCHOOL
HUH? I HAVE MY CLUB ACTIVITIES
HE TOLD ME TO DO IT IN THE FIRST PLACE
IS THAT SO?
YES!
WHAT'RE YOU GETTING ANGRY FOR?
SO SCARY COMMUNICATION DISORDER SURE IS SCARY
...I KNOW THAT YOU'RE STUBBORN,
BUT YOU SHOULD MAKE UP WITH HIM SOON
HE'LL BE LEAVING THIS PLACE IN NO TIME, YOU KNOW?

I ALREADY KNOW THAT BUT
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHAT SHOULD I DO TO MAKE SOU-CHAN LOOK AT ME?
WHEN WE WERE CHILDREN, WE WOULD PLAY HIDE AND SEEK I WOULD SQUAT SILENTLY IN A CORNER AND WAIT FOR HIM TO FIND ME HE ALWAYS DID WOULD HE COME AND FIND ME NOW?
AS I PONDERED...
GRADUATION CEREMONY
HARU, COME TAKE A PICTURE WITH US TOO!

...
OH, HARU
CONGRATS ON PASSING THE EXAM.
AND YOUR GRADUATION, TOO.
CAN YOU NOT LUMP THEM TOGETHER?
THANK YOU, THOUGH.

THERE'S NO NEED TO. IT'S F.R FROM HERE.
...
I'LL COME AND VISIT YOU.
I...
Check it out!
I'LL COME BACK WHEN I'M ON VACATION.
THEN WE CAN HANG OUT AGAIN, OKAY?
SOUDAI-COME HERE!
OKAY
IT'S REALLY PAINFUL BEING REJECTED BY HIM.

AND HE DIDN'T COME BACK AFTER THAT.

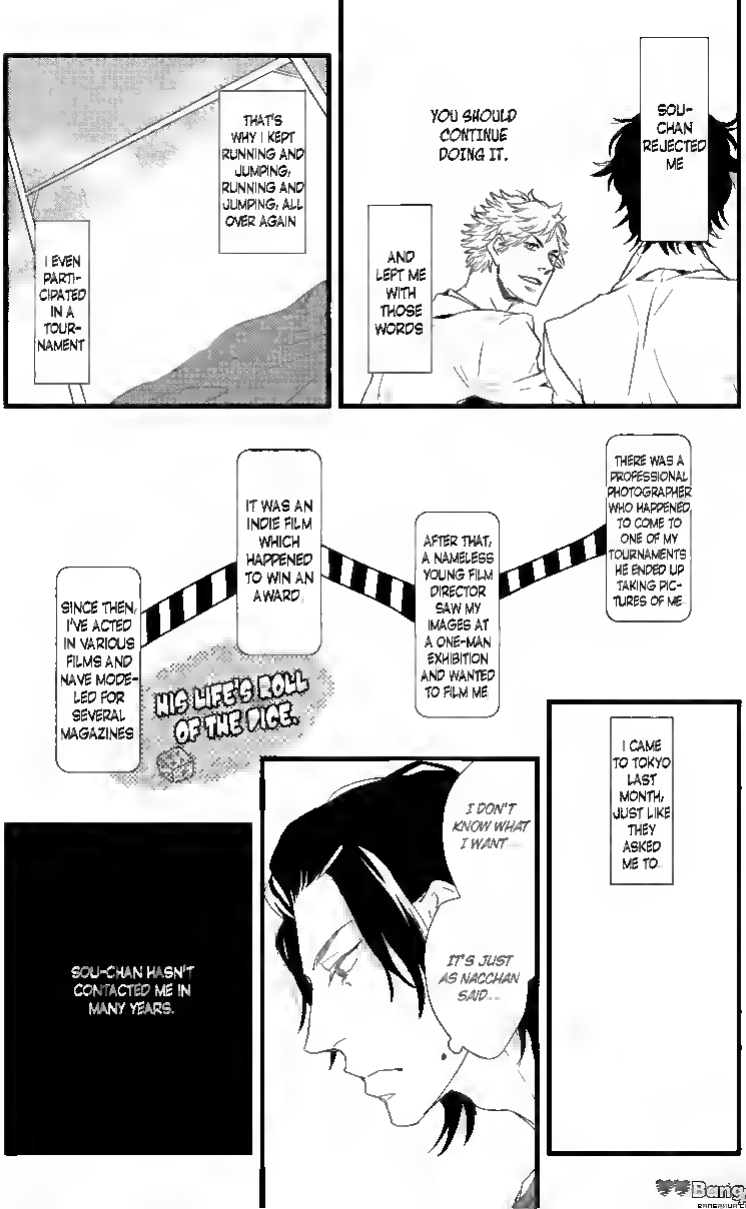

I'M NOT SULKING
OH? SO IT'S YOUR ACTING?
AS EXPECTED OF AN UP-AND-COMING YOUNG ACTOR SUCH AS YOURSELF

AHAHA, HARU-KUN, YOU'RE SO INTERESTING
I'VE BEEN COMPLETELY INDIFFERENT TO HIM, BUT HE SEEMS TO BE ENJOYING IT. WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS OLD MAN...?

I BET GIRLS SCREAM "OMG OMG" WHEN THEY SEE YOU WALKING DOWN THE STREET, HUH?
THEY DO IT'S SO TROUBLE-SOME

LET'S GO OUT FOR A BITE TO EAT NEXT TIME
I'LL PASS
IT'S BETTER FOR ME

JUST EAT AT HOME!!!
I'M NOT GOING
BUT WHY NOT?!
HARU? LET'S GO OUT TO EAT NOW!
YES
ding
HARU, YOU'VE BEEN ANNOYING LATELY!
HAH YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A CELEB NOW?
WHAT? I HATE EATING OUT EVERYONE STARES AT ME
YOU WEREN'T THIS ANNOYING BEFORE!
SINCE YOU AND SOU-CHAN FOUGHT, YOU'VE BECOME SUCH AN ANTAGONISTIC PERSON.
AH.
THAT MUST BE IT.
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANTED TO...
WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO CHOSE THIS CAREER?!
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU WANT?


I EVEN PARTICIPATED IN A TOURNAMENT
THAT'S WHY I KEPT RUNNING AND JUMPING; RUNNING AND JUMPING, ALL OVER AGAIN
SOU-CHAN REJECTED ME
AND LEFT ME WITH THOSE WORDS
YOU SHOULD CONTINUE DOING IT.
SINCE THEN, I'VE ACTED IN VARIOUS FILMS AND HAVE MODELED FOR SEVERAL MAGAZINES
IT WAS AN INDIE FILM WHICH HAPPENED TO WIN AN AWARD
AFTER THAT, A NAMELESS YOUNG FILM DIRECTOR SAW MY IMAGES AT A ONE-MAN EXHIBITION AND WANTED TO FILM ME
THERE WAS A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER WHO HAPPENED TO COME TO ONE OF MY TOURNAMENTS HE ENDED UP TAKING PICTURES OF ME
HIS LIFE'S ROLL OF THE DICE.
I CAME TO TOKYO LAST MONTH, JUST LIKE THEY ASKED ME TO.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WANT
IT'S JUST AS NACCHAN SAID...
SOU-CHAN HASN'T CONTACTED ME IN MANY YEARS.

I WONDER IF NACCHAN STILL KEEPS IN TOUCH WITH HIM
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I'M TOO SCARED TO ASK HIM
HOW CAN I GET SOU-CHAN TO LOOK MY WAY NOW?
I SHOULD'VE CRIED AND BEGGED HIM NOT TO LEAVE ME.
AS IF!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF ALL THESE PAINFUL FEELINGS
I WANNA END THIS
I HAVE TO STOP THIS

TSK
CANCEL
DONE
ALL CONTACTS
SEARCH
FRIENDS
WORK
OTHER
AH
EH?
WHA...
SURPRISED
SO...

AND SO ONCE AGAIN, I'VE FAILED TO PUT AN END TO ALL THESE FEELINGS

BanaNoMA

WELCOME.
OH

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BamYoua

HARU
clench
LO-
LONG TIME NO SEE
RIGHT?
HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN?
FOR REAL?!

He really is Kashi Haru!!!
IT CAN'T BE! HE REALLY CAME?!
HE'S HERE!
YOU GUYS ARE TOO NOISY.
SO YOU DO KNOW HIM?!
So cool!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU SO?
...SOU-CHAN?
...
AH.
COME ON IN.
WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING MUCH TO TREAT YOU THOUGH
...
SORRY
YOU SEE, THESE GUYS HERE HAVE BEEN PES-TERING ME TO LET THEM MEET YOU.

...ARE THEY YOUR FRIENDS IN UNIVERSITY?
Is that your family?
No way. It's just a guy.
THAT'S RIGHT. THEY'RE IN THE S ME CLUB .IND SEMINAR AS ME.
WHY ARE THEY HERE ANYWAY?
...
'CAUSE I'M THINKING OF BOASTING TO THEM.
ABOUT YOU.

NACCHAN
SO HE BOASTS ABOUT ME, HUH?
..BOAS TING..?
HUM?
WHAC*?
ACTUAL LY...
What kind of bed hair is that?
*T/N: HE'S TRYING TO SAY "WHAT" WHILE BRUSHING HIS TEETH
DON'T TELL ME IT'S GONNA APPEAR? LIKE SOME GOSSIP IN WEEKLY MAGAZINES?!
WHAT'S WITH YOU? BEING RESTLESS LIKE THAT...
YOU KNOW

I GOT A CALL FROM SOU-CHAN
NOT THAT
IS IT FINE IF I JUST SAY THAT I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT?
EH? DID HE INVITE ME, TOO?
NAH, HE DIDN'T
"IT'S BEEN A WHILE. HOW ABOUT WE MEET UP AND HAVE DINNER OR SOMETHING?" HE SAID
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, SOU-CHAN'S UNIVERSITY IS ALSO IN TOKYO
THEN YOU SHOULD GO BY YOURSELF
HUH?
HE MUST'VE MEANT THAT YOU SHOULD TAG ALONG TOO, RIGHT?

WE'RE TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE, NOT ONE, YOU HEAR?
ME.
AND YOU,
MY ACCESSORY OR ANY-THING.
PLUS, YOU AREN'T
YOU SHOULD JUST GO ASK HIM
I MEAN SOU-CHAN
I DON'T GET WHAT YOU'RE SAYING HOW IRRITATING
...

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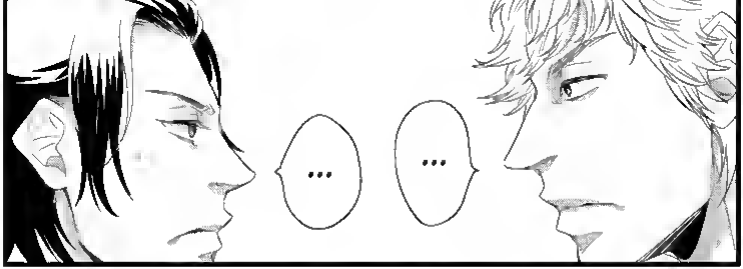
DRAFT BEER?!
AH... DRAFT BEER
I SEE~ YOU CAN FINALLY DRINK ALCOHOL, HUH~
WHY DOES HE LOOK THAT DISAP-POINTED?
Beverage
YEAH, I AM
I SEE SO YOU'RE 20 YEARS OLD ALREADY.
WELL... YEAH
I HEARD THAT YOU'RE MAKI-KUN'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND, AM I RIGHT?
THAT'S SO COOL!
WHAT IS...?
UM...

THIS GUY HERE ALWAYS TAGGED ALONG WHENEVER WE WENT TO PLAY.
HIS ELDER BROTHER WAS MY CLASSMATE
TALKING ABOUT SOU-CHAN'S AND MY PAST TO THESE PEOPLE WHO KNOW NOTHING ABOUT US?
BUT HIS BROTHER IS A CARELESS GUY.
AND WHEN I CAME TO PICK HIM UP, HE BURST OUT CRYI-
SOU-CHAN!
SO HE OFTEN FORGOT ABOUT HIS YOUNGER BROTHER
IS HE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THAT NOW?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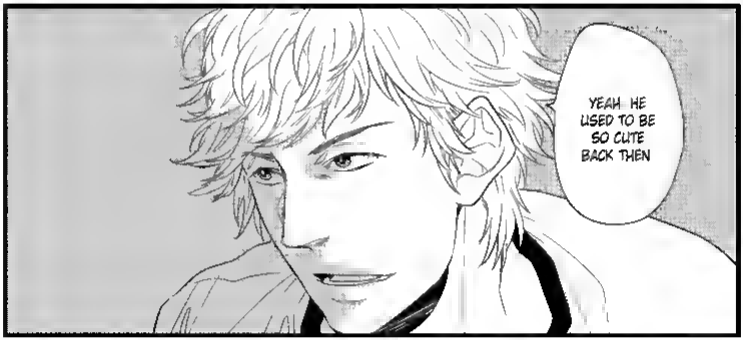
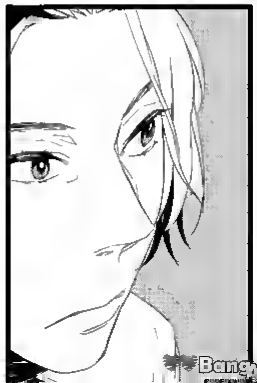
Oh my~
So cute!


YEAH HE USED TO BE SO CUTE BACK THEN

ARE...
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?
Eh? What was that? He's too cute!!



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Eh~ Isn't that tough?
This Atka mackerel is good.
NO... 'CAUSE I DON'T APPEAR THAT MUCH.
WELL... YEAH.
ARE YOU FILMING A MOVIE NOW?
WOW.
The Atka mackerel is good?
Is that so~ Oh my~ I really want to go and observe once~
DO YOU HAVE TO WAKE UP EARLY?
Eh~ That's a shame~
NO, THEY WON'T ALLOW THAT.

THAT MUST BE HARD SINCE YOU'RE NOT A MORNING PERSON.
YEAH. I'M NOT A MORNING PERSON, SO IT'S TOUGH...
EH? ...I DO.
HE DOESN'T WAKE UP EASILY AND EVEN IF YOU TALK TO HIM,
"YEAH... YEAH...",
HE'LL ONLY SAY
How cute~.
Eh? Like that?
So he's not a morning person~
To think that you can see such a cute side of him.
Ahn~ I'm so envious.
IT'S A PRIVILEGE OF THE CHILDHOOD FRIEND
HOW MANY TIMES IS SHE GOING TO SAY CUTE?

AH!
ME, TOO
AH.
EXCUSE ME, ONE MORE DRAFT BEER
TWO MORE DRAFT BEER PLEASE
EVEN THOUGH HE DOESN'T THINK LIKE THAT AT ALL.
A GUY...
...WHAT?
SAY, DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MIRRORING EFFECT?
NOTHING ...

I'VE NOTICED THAT HARU-KUN HAS BEEN IMITATING SOUDAI FOR A WHILE NOW.
IT'S THE BEHAVIOR IN WHICH ONE PERSON IMITATES THE GESTURES OR ACTIONS OF THE PERSON HE OR SHE LIKES.
ARE YOU DOING IT UNCONSCIOUSLY?
HUH? WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
SOMETHING LIKE A PSYCHOLOGICAL TEST?

BEING OBSERVED BY YOU CAREFULLY LIKE THAT REALLY CREEPS ME OUT, Y'KNOW...
ALSO,
I REALLY HATE THAT.
SOMETHING LIKE DECIDING A PERSON'S CHARACTER BASED ON A TRIVIAL THING LIKE THAT...
CUT IT OUT
OUCH.
SLAP
IWATA, SORRY ABOUT THAT. THIS GUY HAS A SHARP TONGUE.
...
IT'S NOTHING. DON'T WORRY. THEN, LETS MAKE UP BY EXCHANGING EMAIL ADDRESSES!

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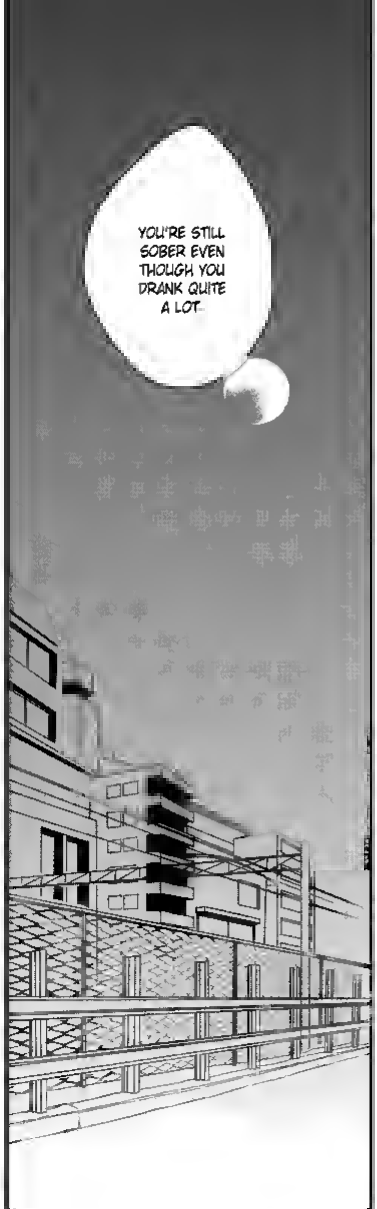

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I CAN'T GET DRUNK WHILE BEING TALKED TO LIKE THAT...
AH... SORRY ABOUT THAT.

I WAS SURPRISED
'CAUSE I THOUGHT THERE'D BE ONLY YOU AND ME.
I HATE BEING TREATED LIKE AN EXHIBITION.
BESIDES.
BESIDES?

...
I HAVE A FEELING THAT YOU'VE CHANGED
DO YOU FIND ME ANNOYING NOW?
WHICH PART OF ME?
...
BUT NOW, I'VE HAD ENOUGH
UP TILL NOW, I'VE BEEN PRETENDING TO BE A GOOD CHILDHOOD FRIEND
...

BEFORE, YOU ALWAYS TAGGED ALONG WITH US. HONESTLY...
THAT WAS SO TROUBLE-SOME.
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU ONLY IMITATE ME, BUT NOT NATSUKI
IT MADE ME WONDER WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH THIS GUY
IF IT WAS THE TWO OF US ONLY, WE COULD HAVE GONE TO FURTHER PLACES.
AND WE COULD PLAY SOMETHING MORE DANGEROUS.
EVEN IN THE TRACK AND FIELD CLUB, ALTHOUGH YOU STARTED AFTER ME, YOU GOT BETTER RESULTS THAN ME
THEN I THOUGHT "AGH- IT'S NO GOOD FOR ME NOW. I HAVE TO GIVE UP."

I THOUGHT THAT IF YOU HADN'T IMITATED ME,
THERE HAD BEEN MORE THINGS I COULD HAVE DONE BACK THEN.
SINCE THE NUMBER OF SCARS YOU LEFT IN MY LIFE WASN'T THAT FEW AFTER ALL.
BUT WHY DID YOU ALSO QUIT AND BECOME A CELEBRITY NOW?
DON'T YOU THINK MAKING OUR PAST A TOPIC TO TALK WHILE DRINKING MAKES ME FEEL A BIT SUPERIOR SOMEHOW?

WELCOME BACK
HOW WAS IT?
DID YOU HAVE FUN?
I DID.

HOW WAS SOU-CHAN?

I'M GONNA SLEEP NOW
IS THAT SO?

HE HASN'T CHANGED ONE BIT
...

SOU-CHAN
throw

HASN'T CHANGED ONE BIT.
SINCE LONG AGO.
HE HAS ALWAYS HATED ME
D
HARU.

WHAT?

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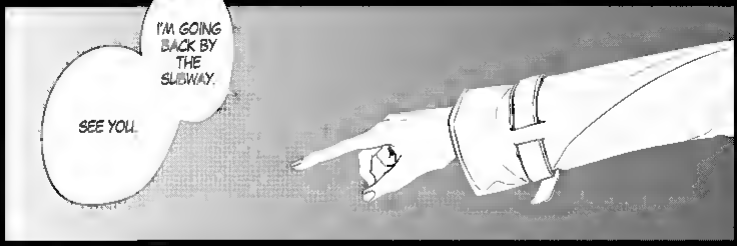
THAT'S RIGHT
I'VE ALWAYS
LOVED YOU
AND I NEVER
THOUGHT THAT
IT WAS SUCH A
BAD THING
I'M SORRY,
SOU-CHAN.


I'M GOING BACK BY THE SUBWAY.
SEE YOU.

AFTER SAYING THAT, HE WENT BACK WITHOUT LOOKING BACK AT ME

IF SOU-CHAN DOESN'T LOOK AT ME, I MIGHT AS WELL NOT EXIST

BangAQUA

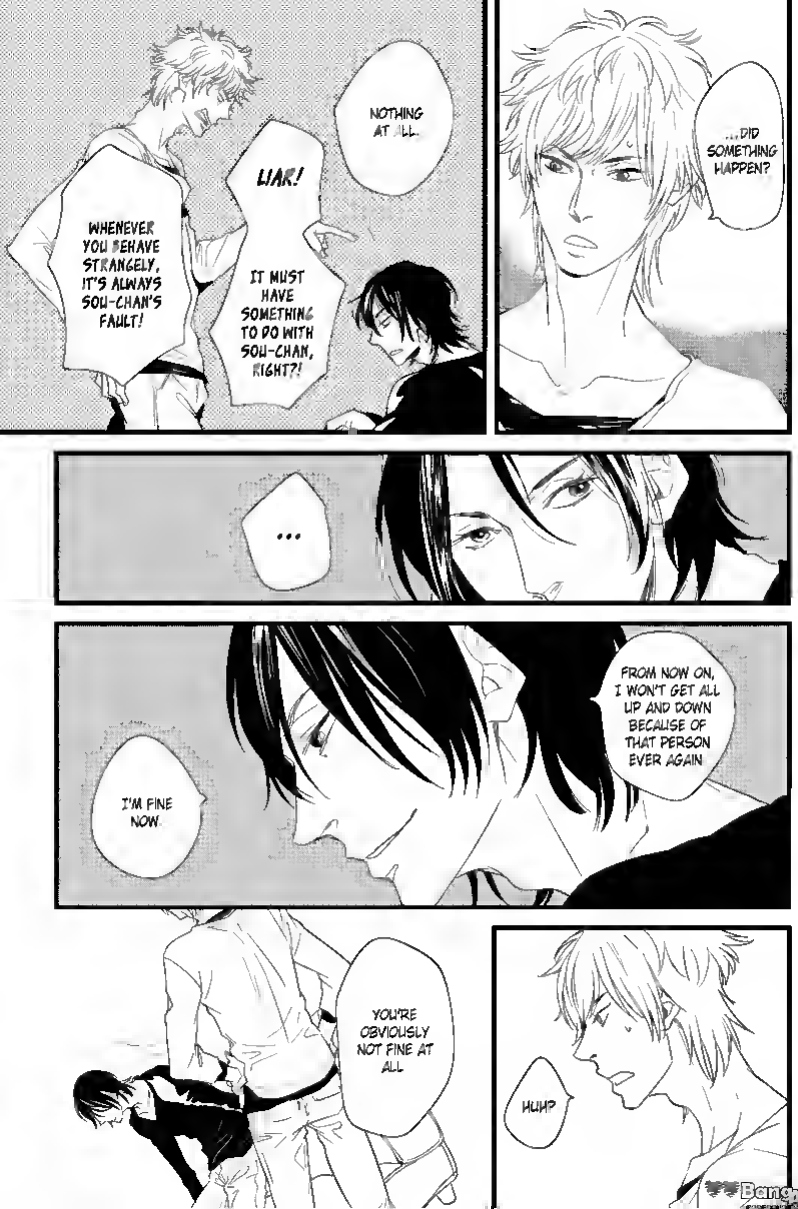
IF SO, SHOULD I JUST DISAPPEAR ONCE AND FOR ALL?
I STILL WAKE UP AS USUAL.
JUST KIDDING.
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD DO IT.
blink
I GET HUNGRY AS USUAL
I STILL DO MY WORK AS USUAL.
WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE, HARU-KUN?
OH MY!

WHAT A SUPER SMILING FACE~!!!
grit grit
EH- SO THIS GUY ISN'T CHOOSY WITH HIS WORKS, HUH?
I GUESS HE ISN'T THAT FAMOUS TO BE CHOOSY WITH HIS WORKS, RIGHT?
SINCE HE'S STILL A NEWBIE
I THOUGHT HE WAS LIKE THE TYPE WHO ONLY APPEARS IN STYLISH SUBCULTURE MOVIES OR SOMETHING
EH? DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU LIKED HIM?
Of course, I do. I like his face.
...
What the hell? So funny~
ENTERTAINMENT NEWS
MASKED MAIDEN!!!
Kashii Haru's playing the main role
HARU-KUN, THERE'S AN OFFER ASKING YOU TO BE A GOODWILL AMBASSADOR OF WAKAME SEAWEED.
WHATEVER
I'LL DO IT.
EH?!

I SEE...
I'M REALLY HAPPY.
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I INVITED YOU, YOU ALWAYS REFUSED ME, SO I THOUGHT YOU'RE NOT IN THE MOOD FOR THAT
SPENDING TIME AT A BAR WHERE CAN SEE THE NIGHT VIEW AFTER EATING...
WHAT DO YOU CALL THIS? EXTRAVAGANT?
THAT REMINDS ME, THE OTHER DAY WAS THE FIRST TIME
:D
I WENT DRINKING WITH SOU-CHAN

THIS GUY SURE IS GREEDY
OH WELL, WHATEVER.
THE "ME" WHO SOU-CHAN HATES, I DON'T GIVE A DAMN WHAT HAPPENS TO ME ANYMORE

NOT A CHANCE I GUESS
rub
I WONDER IF I BECOME DESPERATE, WILL SOU-CHAN COME AND TAKE PITY ON ME AGAIN?
JUST KIDDING
I STILL HAVE LINGERING FEELINGS FOR HIM
EVEN THOUGH HE REJECTED ME WITH ALL HIS MIGHT AND TORE ME APART LIKE THAT,
I'M TRYING TO SEE HOW MANY MINUTES I CAN HOLD MY BREATH FOR.
WHY ARE YOU SQUATTING LIKE THAT?
ARE YOU FREE DIVING ?!
FREE DIVING ?!
UWAH! YOU'RE HERE?!


NOTHING AT ALL.
LIAR!
IT MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH SOU-CHAN, RIGHT?!
WHENEVER YOU BEHAVE STRANGELY, IT'S ALWAYS SOU-CHAN'S FAULT!
...DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
...
FROM NOW ON, I WON'T GET ALL UP AND DOWN BECAUSE OF THAT PERSON EVER AGAIN
I'M FINE NOW.
YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY NOT FINE AT ALL
HUH?

grab
♫
SO IT DID SHOW ON MY FACE THAT SOMETHING WAS WRONG
SUB How are y
I just wanted to make the person I like pay attention to me, so I caused a ruckus about my house being on fire, or throw rocks at ...
SUB Re: Re: How
I'm Iwata.
Thank you for the other day.
WHAT'S THIS?
SUB Re: Re: Re:
Hint: Mirroring effect.
WHICH IWATA IS THIS?

Can we meet?
♪♪♪
Ah...
I have something to talk to you about Soudai.

BangYouA

I CAN'T ENJOY THIS AT ALL..
EH?
DO YOU KNOW? THERE ARE 27 PONTAS IN TOTAL IN THIS MOVIE
EVERY SCENE, A DIFFERENT PONTA APPEARS
BUT PONTA WAS SO...
...
AHA HAHA HAHA!
Stop laughing!!
sob
YOU HAVE AN UNEXPECTED CUTE SIDE AFTER ALL

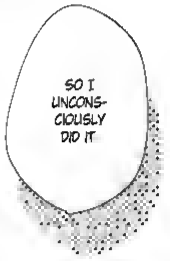
WHAT ABOUT THE TALK ON SOU-CHAN ?!
THEN, I'LL CONTACT YOU AGAIN LATER
SOUDAI
IWATA, YOSHIMURA -SENSEI TOLD YOU TO GO TO HIS ROOM
SERIOU-SLY?
SAY, THAT KID...
HE'S REALLY INTERES-TING
I MEAN HARU-CHAN
...

SWEAT

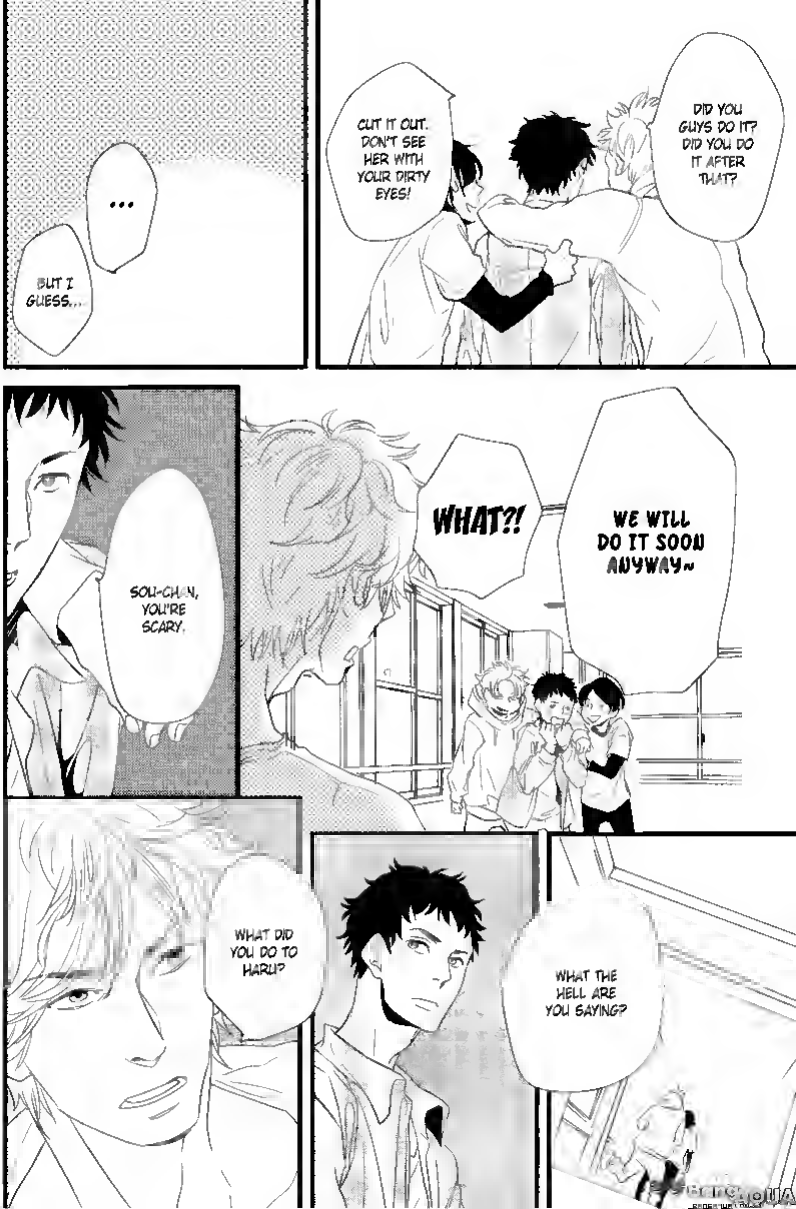
CLENCH

IT SHOULDN'T BE ON THE FOREHEAD, RIGHT?! THAT SOUNDS LIKE YOU HAVE NO SEXUAL DESIRES AT ALL
EW~ ISN'T YOUR GIRLFRIEND CUTE? DON'T YOU HAVE A VIDEO OF HER?
It's not my girlfriend though.

I mean kissing on the forehead~


SO I UNCONSCIOUSLY DID IT

BanaNoMA


BUT I GUESS...
...
CUT IT OUT. DON'T SEE HER WITH YOUR DIRTY EYES!
DID YOU GUYS DO IT? DID YOU DO IT AFTER THAT?
SOU-CHAN, YOU'RE SCARY.
WHAT?!
WE WILL DO IT SOON ANYWAY~
WHAT DID YOU DO TO HARU?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING?

I CAN LAY MY HANDS ON HIM, CAN'T I?
SINCE I'M QUITE SERIOUS ABOUT HIM.
THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO LECTURE ME.
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO HURT HIM AND LEFT HIM LIKE THAT. I CAN CHERISH HIM MORE THAN YOU.
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ANGRY ABOUT SOMETHING.
DOES THAT MEAN...

LIKE A TOY YOU'VE GOTTEN TIRED OF AND NEGLECTED FOR SO LONG AND NOW YOU'RE ABOUT TO THROW AWAY,
BUT WHEN SOMEONE CAME AND PICKED IT UP... YOU REALIZED THAT IT'S SOMETHING IMPORTANT?
WHAT WOULD YOU DO THEN?
ARE YOU GONNA PUT IT AWAY AND LEAVE IT IN DUST AGAIN?
SHUT THE FUCK UP

SOUDAI, YOU'RE SO SCARY!
DON'T MENTION IWATA!
OH SHIT!
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU KNOW?
IWATA'S TWITTER... IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S HEATING UP!
But now I'm deeply reflecting on that. And I'm so touched! It was worth enduring the pain!
I hope disasters will fall upon all couples who take two shot pictures in front of the illumination... There was a time I used to think so.
The illumination I'm seeing with the person I like is so beautiful~
HE'S IN HIGH SPIRITS.
HAHAHA.

HOW~
BEAUTIFUL~
OH DID YOU WATCH IT?
I WATCHED IT WITH MY BROTHER. . HE LAUGHED REALLY HARD.
THANK YOU FOR LENDING ME THIS
HERE
GREAT-!
...ME TOO.
HOW ABOUT YOU, HARU-CHAN?

EH?
THAT WAS BECAUSE I DID SOME RESEARCH ON YOU.
THERE ARE MANY GIRLS AROUND ME WHO'RE YOUR FANS, SO I ASKED THEM
EHEHEHE
WELL... LOOKS LIKE OUR PREFERENCE IN MOVIES ARE THE SAME.
I'M TRYING MY BEST TO MAKE YOU LIKE ME, YOU KNOW
I'LL GO BUY A COFFEE OR SOMETHING, OKAY?
IF YOU ASK ME WHAT I WANT NOW, I PREFER ENTERING A ROOM THOUGH...
I KNOW THAT YOU WANT A HOT DRINK NOW!
AND ACCORDING TO MY RESEARCH,
THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S COLD

I'm sorry!!!
THUD
... HE DOESN'T HAVE TO RUSH LIKE THAT
I GUESS STUFF LIKE THIS
HARU.
ARE ALSO QUITE FUN.
blow

...
WHY..
HARU

I WAS HAVING SO MUCH FUN

SEEING BEAUTIFUL THINGS AND BECOMING ALL CHEERFUL ... I EVEN THOUGHT THINGS LIKE THIS AREN'T BAD

BEING DRAGGED ALONG BY HIM,
AND UPON SEEING HIS FACE...
I RETURNED TO MY FORMER SELF.
ENOUGH...
...I DON'T WANT THIS
HARU
slap

I HATE YOU SO MUCH, SOU-CHAN.

DON'T SAY SUCH A THING...
I HATE YOU
I BEG YOU, DON'T SAY THAT.
I HATE YOU

I REALLY HATE YOU.

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HUH?
WE WENT TO WATCH A MOVIE TOGETHER THE OTHER DAY
YOU SEE. HE WAS CRYING AFTER WATCHING PONTA.
YOU KNOW.... SINCE HE'S A CELEBRITY, I THOUGHT HE MUST BE FASHIONABLE OR SUPERCILIOUS,
BUT IT TURNED OUT HE WAS JUST BEING SHY?
OH. I SEE

BUT WHY ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THAT TO ME?
ISN'T HE CUTE?
...I GUESS SO.
I CAN LIST OUT 6 CUTE SIDES OF HARU-CHAN RIGHT AWAY, YOU KNOW?
HIS FACE AND HIS LOW NECKLINE, ALSO...
...I ALREADY KNOW THAT.
SO YOU ALSO FIND HIM CUTE, BUT YOU DON'T ADORE HIM?
I KNOW ALL THOSE THINGS ALREADY

SOU-CHAN... HE REALLY
LOVES YOU A LOT, RIGHT? SOUDA!
WELL, YEAH, HE BECAME ALL EMOTIONALLY ATTACHED TO ME 'CAUSE I'M LIKE HIS NEXT-DOOR OLDER BROTHER, I GUESS .
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT
HUH?
WHAT'RE YOU...
You know what I'm actually referring to, don't you?
BUT STILL ..

IF HE'S OKAY WITH YOU, THEN THAT MEANS I ALSO HAVE A CHANCE, RIGHT?
HUH?
I HAVE TO THANK YOU AFTER ALL, SOUDA!
Iwata
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
OF COURSE
I'M SAYING THAT HE WOULDN'T TOTALLY REFUSE ME JUST BECAUSE I'M A MAN, YOU KNOW?
IT SEEMS LIKE IWATA BROKE UP WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND
SHE WAS REALLY FURIOUS

...
WELCOME BACK
OH, SO YOU'RE HOME
HAVE YOU EATEN?
I ALREADY ATE

WHAT'S THIS? A COMEDY MOVIE?
YEAH. I BORROWED IT
I SEE FROM WHOM?
SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW.
YOU EAT OUT A LOT, HUH?
NII-CHAN IS SO LONELY HERE.
WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU SAYING?

CYAHA HAHA.
NACCHAN
SAY. HOW CAN HE TAKE OFF HIS UNDERPANTS WHEN HIS LONG TROUSERS ARE STILL ON LIKE THAT?
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF THE PERSON WHOM YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN SECRETLY IN LOVE WITH SAID THAT THEY HATE YOU?

YEAH
WHAT? IS THAT YOUR NEXT ROLE?
...
HM..
AND IF BY DOING SO, THAT PERSON STILL SAYS THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, THEN I'LL FORGET ALL ABOUT THAT PERSON QUICKLY
I GUESS I'LL ASK THAT PERSON WHAT PART OF MINE ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH AND THEN
AFTER I'VE FIXED THOSE PARTS, I'LL ASK THAT PERSON TO CONSIDER AGAIN
BUT WON'T THAT PERSON BACK AWAY AT THAT TIME?

BUT...
..YOU'RE RIGHT.
AND I'M LIKE SO HOPELESSLY IN LOVE WITH THAT PERSON..
BECAUSE I...
LOVE, LOVE, REALLY LOVE THAT PERSON..
...
THEN I'LL COME TO HATE THAT ONE.

"WHY DON'T YOU LOVE ME EVEN WHEN I LOVE YOU SO MUCH LIKE THIS?"
"WHY DON'T YOU EVEN REALIZE IT WHEN I'M SO DEEPLY IN LOVE WITH YOU LIKE THIS?"
I REALLY HATE
THE YOU, WHO'S STUPID AND DAWDLE.
WITH THAT,
I'LL ALSO HOLD A GRUDGE AGAINST THAT PERSON AND WON'T FORGET AS LONG AS I'M ALIVE

...
HOW UNCOOL OF YOU
WHY?!
SEEMS LIKE THE INFLUENZA IS GOING AROUND.
ORDER
...I SEE
YOU SEE, SINCE WE'RE STILL STUDENTS,
WE CAN STILL TAKE DAY OFFS I GUESS IT'S A BIT LIKE THE HOLIDAY MOOD?
MANY GUYS IN THE SAME SEMINAR AS ME TOOK DAYS OFF BECAUSE OF IT.

T/Note: The Hirosaki Neputa Festival is a summer festival held in the old castle town of Hirosaki

T/Note: The Aomori Nebuta Festival is a Japanese fire festival held annually in Aomori city

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BUT I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT YOU LISTENED TO ALL OF THAT
I HARDLY LISTENED ANYTHING
YOU SAID SO, BUT ACTUALLY...?
I CAN'T HEAR YOU
I SEE, SO YOU ONLY REACT TO SOUDAI, HUH?
...
clench
...!
THAT SHOWED QUITE CLEARLY ON YOUR FACE THOUGH.
HOW DID YOU KNOW...?
WE HAD A FIGHT.

...
'CAUSE YOU TRIED TO GET INFORMATION OUT OF ME
IT ISN'T A FIGHT ACTUALLY
I SAID A FIGHT, BUT IT'S MORE LIKE I'M BEING HATED
I SEE
POOR YOU

PULL
SQUEEZE

HE ABHORS A FOOLISH AND SLOW PERSON
6
BanqAQUA

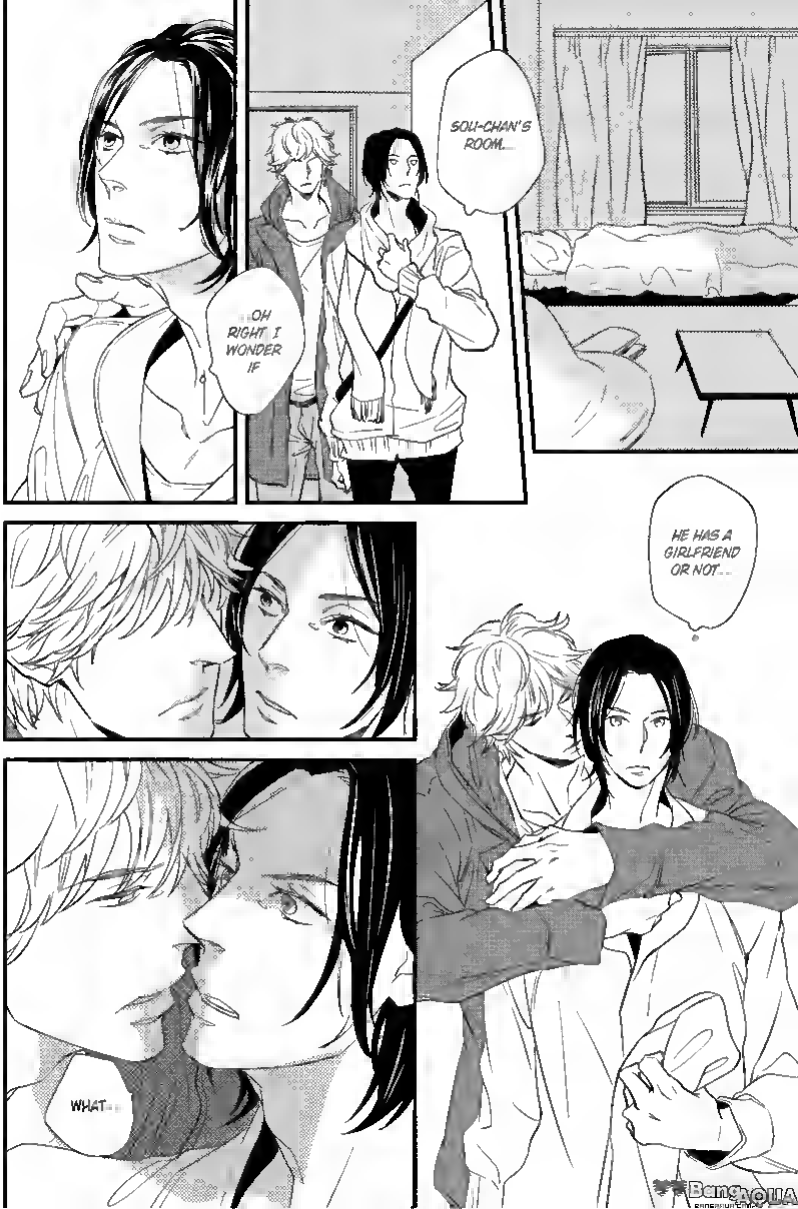
HIS HAND WHICH HELD ME TIGHT AND PULLED ME ALONG AT FIRST
GRADU-ALLY LOOSENED
AND SOON,
IT LET GO OF MY HAND

JUST LIKE HOW HE FORCED ME TO CHOOSE
WILL I GIVE UP ON HIM?
OR CONTINUING WITH THIS PAINFUL LOVE?

...
STEP

HARU-CHAN, ARE YOU FINE WITH BLACK TEA?
HUH?
WHY?
WHY DID I...
FOLLOW HIM ANYWAY...?
HOW PATHETIC
THAT'S RIGHT

I SHOULD HIT HIM
ONCE...
OPENS


SOU-CHAN'S ROOM...
...OH RIGHT I WONDER IF
HE HAS A GIRLFRIEND OR NOT...
WHAT...

WHAT'S WITH YOU?
YOU NONCHALANTLY FOLLOWED ME ALL THE WAY HERE AND NOW YOU'RE REJECTING ME?
YOU MUST BE KIDDING ME.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
STOP..
WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY..
YOU'RE THE WORST
I WAS PISSED SINCE YOU WERE FLIRTING WITH ANOTHER GUY.
...

...I ALREADY KNEW IT LONG AGO
I REALIZED THAT YOU FOUND ME UNPLEASANT
AND YOU HATED ME TO THE CORE
...
THAT'S RIGHT
SO YOU FINALLY NOTICED?
THAT'S WHY..
I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT GIVING UP ON YOU SO MANY TIMES, BUT...
drip

IT'S SO PAINFUL.
I COULDN'T DO IT.
...
WHICH PART OF ME IS THAT GOOD ANYWAY?
HARU,
YOU CAN ALWAYS EASILY GET THE THINGS YOU WANT
YOU'RE BEING STUBBORN JUST BECAUSE I DON'T DO AS YOU WISH
IF I BECOME YOURS,
YOU'LL REALIZE THAT I'M JUST A NEXT-DOOR BROTHER WHO WOULD COME TO PLAY WITH YOU AS YOUR BROTHER'S REPLACEMENT, RIGHT?

AND THEN, YOU'LL GET TIRED OF ME AND THROW ME AWAY RIGHT AFTER THAT.
OUCH!
smack
THAT'S WHAT YOU'VE BEEN THINKING ALL THIS TIME...?

I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT IF I IMITATED YOU AND KEPT DOING THE SAME THINGS WITH YOU, YOU WOULD ALWAYS HOLD MY HAND AND TAKE ME ALONG
I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN THINGS THAT SOU-CHAN LIKES
AND I HAVE NO INTERESTS IN PLACES WHICH YOU'RE NOT THERE
AND GO TO A FAR PLACE AND LEAVE ME BEHIND
...
AND I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT THERE'LL COME A DAY WHEN YOU SHAKE OFF MY HAND,
SO I RAN AWAY

I AM.
AREN'T YOU AN IDIOT?
ARE SO STUPID AND DAWDLE
BOTH YOU AND I
BUT EVEN SO, I STILL LOVE YOU SO MUCH.

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO KEEP HOLDING EACH OTHER'S HAND FOREVER
HAA...

AH!
GRAB

AH.
AH!
TWITCH
AHN...
TWITCH
SOU-CHAN.
UWAH?!
grab
YOU IDIOT! WHAT'RE YOU DOING ALL OF A SUDDEN...?
Pant
Pant
...
lough
I WAS THINKING OF DOING IT TOGETHER.

THRUST
HA.
AH!
...NN.
UGH...
I'M SORRY
DOES IT HURT?
...MM

squeeze
...
I'M FINE
JUST HOLD MY HAND FOR NOW.
...
I LOVE YOU
HARU.

YOU FINALLY SAID IT.

HARU
I DON'T HAVE MILK. ARE YOU FINE WITH COW'S MILK?
YOU CAN'T DRINK UNLESS I PUT LOTS OF SUGAR IN, RIGHT?
...
JUST BECAUSE WE DID IT ONCE, DON'T ACT LIKE MY BOYFRIEND
FORGET IT. YOU CAN ACT LIKE ONE.
I WILL

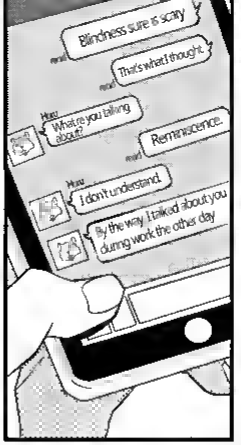
...
COME OUT ALREADY.
OKAY...
I'M TALKING ABOUT HIGH JUMP.
squirm
SOU-CHAN. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN YOUR JUMPING POSE BEFORE?
HM?

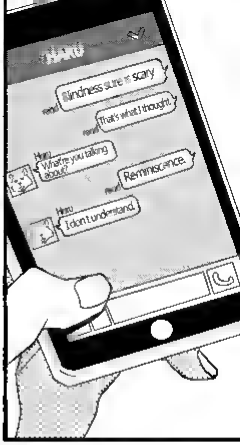
YOU WERE SUPER COOL AND BEAUTIFUL
YOU MAY THINK THAT I CAN EASILY DO EVERYTHING, BUT...
JUMPING SO COOL AND BEAUTIFULLY LIKE THAT...
NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY OR HOW MANY TIMES I'M REBORN, LET ALONE ME, NO ONE CAN EVER JUMP LIKE YOU
...

THUD
WHAT...
WHAT'S IT?
NOTHING.
LET ME STAY LIKE THIS A BIT MORE.

PHOTO BOOK
EXTREMELY NORMAL
Let's put this away
BLINDNESS SURE IS SCARY

QUIT IT, WILL YOU
HEY, SOUDA!


Blindness sure is scary
That's what I thought
Haru
What're you talking about?
Reminiscence.
Haru
I don't understand.
By the way, I talked about you during work the other day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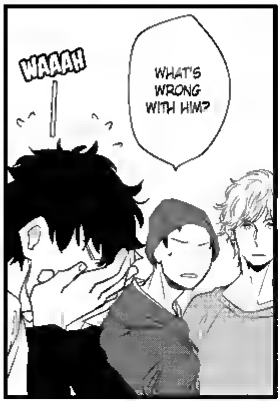
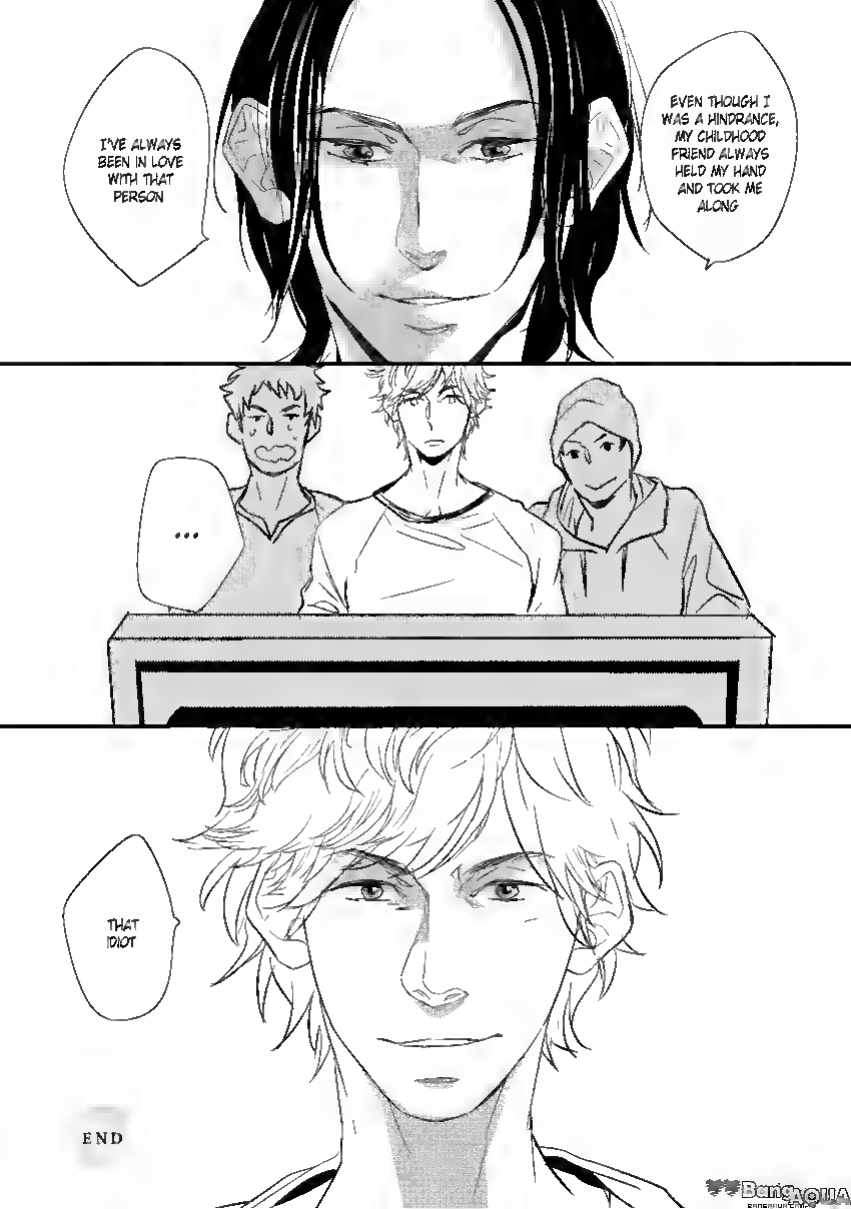
HARU-CHAN!!!
On the school cafeteria's TV
KASHII HARU'S APPEARING NOW

You were popular during school days, weren't you?

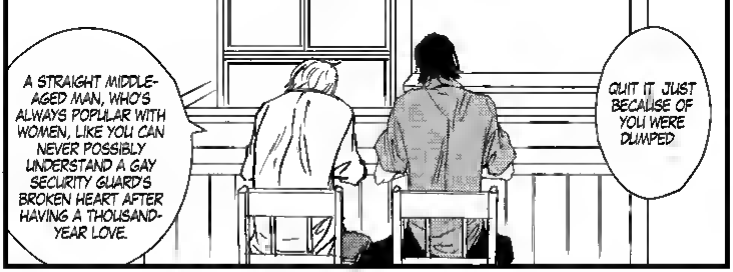

WAAAH
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?

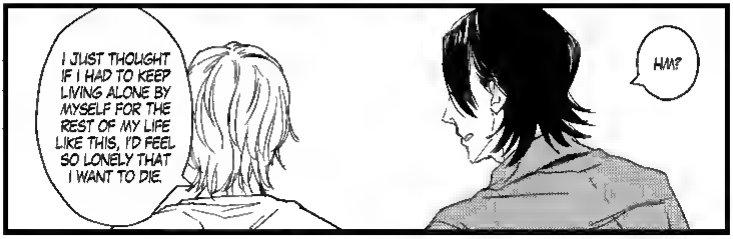
BanaYotta

Not really.
IS HE BEING SUPERCILIOUS?
THERE IT IS! "NOT REALLY" OF HIM!
...
Eh- Then, when was your first love?
When I was a child.
HM- AS EXPECTED FROM HIS ACQUAINTANCE.
HE'S NERVOUS ACTUALLY.


I'VE ALWAYS BEEN IN LOVE WITH THAT PERSON
EVEN THOUGH I WAS A HINDRANCE, MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND ALWAYS HELD MY HAND AND TOOK ME ALONG
...
THAT IDIOT
END

SINCE KII-CHAN LOOKS REALLY SCARY (BUT HE'S AN IKEMEN)
EVEN THOUGH I LOOK LIKE THIS, MY LOVE IS PURE.
ALTHOUGH HE LOOKS LIKE THIS, HE'S ACTUALLY REALLY KIND.
OH
IF YOU ASK TO WHICH EXTENT HE'S KIND,
THANK YOU
RIKU, EAT YOUR ATKA MACKEREL
ALMOST ALL BAD-LOOKING GUYS AROUND THIS AREA ARE FRIENDS WITH HIM
IN FACT, HE'S SUPER SCARY WHEN HE GETS ANGRY
WHAT'S UP, KIICHI-SAN?
KIICHI-SAN, THANK YOU FOR THE OTHER DAY.
...I WANT TO DIE.
WHEN I WAS DUMPED CRUELLY.


A STRAIGHT MIDDLE-AGED MAN, WHO'S ALWAYS POPULAR WITH WOMEN, LIKE YOU CAN NEVER POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND A GAY SECURITY GUARD'S BROKEN HEART AFTER HAVING A THOUSAND-YEAR LOVE.
QUIT IT. JUST BECAUSE OF YOU I WERE DUMPED



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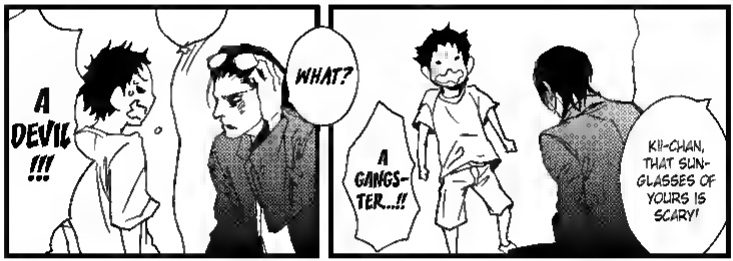
KII-CHAN
I WON'T LEAVE YOU ALONE TODAY,
YOU KNOW?
NOT REALLY.
TELL ME IF YOU HATE IT, OKAY?

JUST LIKE THAT, HE KEPT STICKING TO ME AND COMFORTING ME
SUCH A GOOD GUY...
ERU?
HERE
DON'T LET IT GO AGAIN
MY BALLOON ~


A DEVIL !!!
WHAT?
A GANGSTER...!!
KII-CHAN, THAT SUNGLASSES OF YOURS IS SCARY!

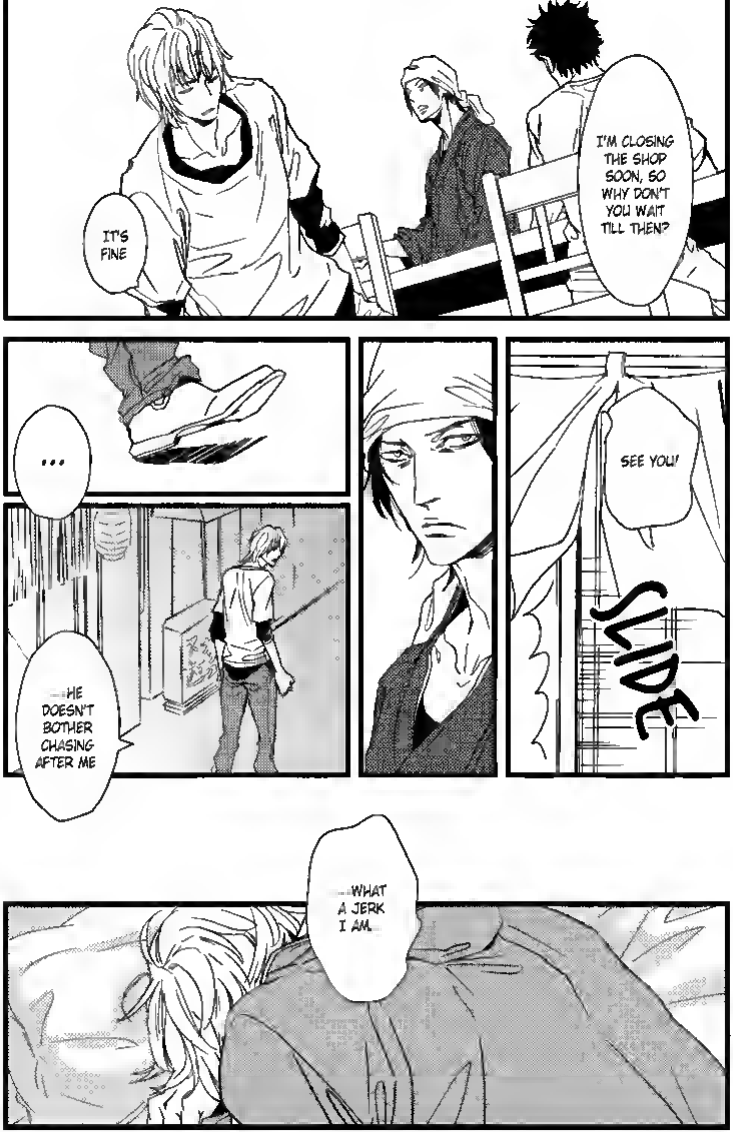
I JUST THOUGHT THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A SUPER GOOD GUY, YOUR FACE DOESN'T SHOW THE SAME, WHICH IS A WASTE
KII-CHAN
GO AHEAD AND LAUGH
DAMN IT
FLAP
FLAP
WAAAAH!
HISS
WOOF
WOOF

BanaNoNA

'CAUSE YOU EVEN ACCOMPANIED ME, THE BROKEN-HEARTED GAY, HERE EVEN IF IT'S YOUR DAY OFF.
I'M NOT A GOOD GUY
AND YOU EVEN WORE THESE CUTE EARS FOR ME!
YOU ARE
THANKS TO YOU. .
YEAH
HAVE YOU CHEERED UP NOW?
THAT'S GOOD

SINCE I'M ALL FINE NOW, I GUESS I HAVE TO FIND A NEW LOVE~
IT'S BECAUSE I HAVE THE KIND KII-CHAN WITH ME.
THAT'S WHY I CAN EVEN HAVE A RECKLESS LOVE OR A SHOWY BROKEN HEART
IT'S HOPELESS NOW
YOU DID IT AGAIN, HUH?
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS GOING FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE ONES?
LOVING A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER WHO HAS BOTH A WIFE AND A KID, IS TOO HIGH OF A HURDLE FOR YOU
I DIDN'T REALLY AIM FOR HIM.
BUT...
IN THIS WORLD, THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO FALL IN LOVE WITH

WELL...
ARGH~
...YOU'RE A GOOD GUY THOUGH
I WONDER WHY DOESN'T IT GO WELL EVERY TIME...
EVEN THOUGH I WISH FOR YOU TO BE HAPPY
TAISHOU, ONE JAPANESE BUTTERFISH AND A DRAFT BEER
RIGHT AWAY
ADD THE SUBJECT OF THAT SENTENCE "YOU"?
SHOULDN'T YOU
HUH?
KII-CHAN, IN THE END, TOWARDS ME...
...
I SHOULD HEAD BACK NOW


IT'S FINE
I'M CLOSING THE SHOP SOON, SO WHY DON'T YOU WAIT TILL THEN?
...
HE DOESN'T BOTHER CHASING AFTER ME
SEE YOU!
SLIDE
WHAT A JERK I AM.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME...?
ISN'T IT JUST...
dejected
dejected
...BEING KIND TO ME...
HE WAS JUST BEING KIND TO ME, AND YET I...
KII-CHAN.
THERE ARE, YOU KNOW
"IN THIS WORLD THERE'RE PEOPLE THAT YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO FALL IN LOVE WITH."
EH? I CAN GO THERE THOUGHT. I DON'T MEAN THAT... EH? IS THAT SO?
...YES
...DID YOU CLOSE THE SHOP?
...YEAH... EH? RIGHT NOW? IT'S FINE
02:08
2 O'CLOCK...

I JUST GOT MY HEART BROKEN TODAY,
AND WHY AM I HERE WIPING THE FLOOR SO CHEERFULLY LIKE THIS?
ding dong
What the heck is wrong with me?!
MY BAD
THERE'S NOTHING... I CAN DO ABOUT MY FACE
EH? ARE YOU ALWAYS BOTHERED BY IT?!
...DID I DO SOMETHING TO ANGER YOU?
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO COME ALL THE WAY HERE THOUGH
DON'T YOU HAVE TO OPEN THE SHOP TOMORROW, TOO?
BUT HEY, THIS ISN'T MY FAULT
K!!-CHAN, YOUR FACE LOOKS JUST LIKE A MURDERER, YOU KNOW?

KII-CHAN'S A GOOD GUY, SO YOU ALWAYS LET ME ACT LIKE A SPOILED CHILD.
I'M NOT
GLARE
EVEN RIGHT NOW, I'M JUST LIKE A HYENA WHO HUNTS HIS WEAK PREY
KII-CHAN, WHERE'RE YOU GOING? SAVANNA?
I WAS JUST GIVING AN EXAMPLE
AH! That was a metaphor!
OUR TALKS DON'T MATCH AT ALL ...
I ACTUALLY HAVE AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE OF TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOU WHILE YOU'RE STILL HEART-BROKEN
EH?
I SAID JUST CHOOSE ME ALREADY

EVEN THOUGH THE ONE I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU, KII-CHAN
WHY DID YOU SAY SUCH A STALKING-HORSE-LIKE LINE?
BUT..., WHY ME OF ALL PEOPLE...?
I'M A SHELL. I'VE TURNED TO A SHELL.
HEY
OH CRAP!
WHAT?

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...EVERY TIME
YOU BREAK UP WITH A GUY, YOU ALWAYS COME TO MY PLACE AND GET ALL DRUNKEN FRENZY
THEN, YOU KEEP BLABBERING ABOUT THIS GUY HAS THIS GOOD PART AND THAT PART OF THE OTHER GUY IS CUTE OR SOMETHING
UWAHH
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS DAMN ANNOYING, BUT I THINK YOU'RE QUITE PURE
AND I FOUND THAT PART OF YOURS
CU-
CU?
CUTE

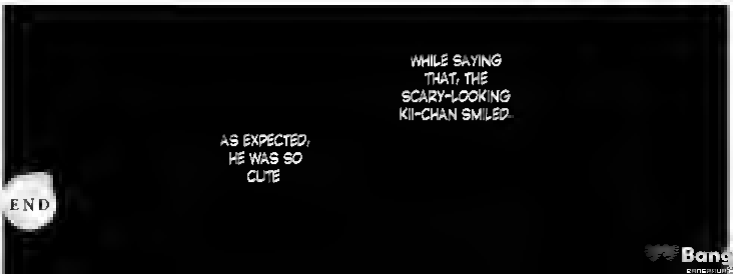
IT'S SORRY FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO MAKE THEM MY NUMBER ONE
THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS
WHAT WAS THE REASON FOR THAT?
BUT YOU ALWAYS SAID SORRY IN THE END
OF COURSE I WOULD.
WHAT? STOP STARING
...
...
WHY?
THEN...
BUT IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE

RIKU
WHO WOULD COMFORT ME IF YOU WERE TO DUMP ME?
EVEN A GOD CAN'T DO IT

SERVES YOU RIGHT
THEN I GUESS YOU'D LIVE WHILE CRYING SO MUCH TILL THE POINT YOU'D DIE IF YOU BROKE UP WITH ME.

BUT YOU'D HATE IT, RIGHT?

...YEAH.
I'D HATE IT.


WHILE SAYING THAT, THE SCARY-LOOKING KII-CHAN SMILED.
AS EXPECTED, HE WAS SO CUTE
END

A HUNDRED TIMES LYING, LOVE IS ONLY ONCE.
HARD TO APPRO-ACH
COOL,
CONCEI-TED,
THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT HIM.
ONLY I KNOW THIS SIDE OF HIM...
BUT WHO WOULD KNOW HE'S PURE AND BOLD LIKE THIS?
WHAT IS IT?

THIS CHOCOLATE IS QUITE TASTY, YOU KNOW.
I GOT THIS FOR YOU, SOU-CHAN.
THANK YOU...
LUXURY
NAH...
I JUST THOUGHT THAT YOU'RE ON THE TV NOW~
AH. THE CM WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BROADCASTED TODAY, HUH?
WHAT WERE YOU...
HOTPOT?
THAT DAY I MADE A PROMISE WITH YOU TO HAVE HOTPOT AFTER MY PHOTO SHOOT.
AH-
SO I WAS HOPING IT WOULD END SOON,
OR THINKING ABOUT WHAT HOTPOT YOU WERE MAKING.
HOTPOT.
THINKING WHEN YOU ACT A CRYING SCENE LIKE THIS?
WERE YOU IMAGINING LIKE SOMEONE'S DEAD OR SOMETHING?
...

SINCE THE DIRECTOR OF THIS CM IS THE TYPE WHO LIKES TO DRAG THINGS...
I WAS FEELING SO VEXED WHEN I THOUGHT I MIGHT NOT MAKE IT IN TIME, THEN MY TEARS JUST CAME OUT
HOTPOT?!
...YOU CAN CRY OVER A HOTPOT?
...
I MEAN RATHER THAN HOTPOT...
YOU WERE CRYING BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO MEET UP WITH ME, RIGHT?
I KNOW.
YOU CRIED JUST BECAUSE OF THAT—

...I'M THE TYPE WHO CAN CRY WHEN I THINK ABOUT HOTPOT.
YOU SHOULDN'T TRUST MY TEARS
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT
RIGHT, DO YOU WANT TO EAT CHOCOLATE?
LET'S CONTINUE
AH
ALRIGHT

IT SHOULD BE THE OPPOSITE

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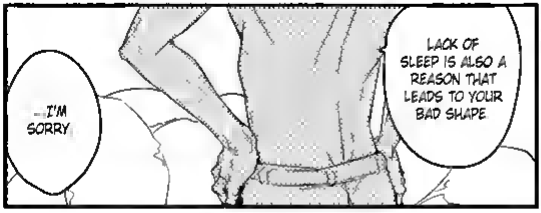
I'M FINE
I JUST LACK A LITTLE SLEEP..
IF YOU'RE TIRED, JUST SAY SO PROPERLY.

dead tired


LACK OF SLEEP IS ALSO A REASON THAT LEADS TO YOUR BAD SHAPE
..I'M SORRY

EH?
TASTE SO BAD.
GET UP

HEY,
TRY THIS CHOCO-LATE.
I DID A CM FOR THIS ONE.
I GOT IT ALREADY

IT'S TRUE IT DOESN'T TASTE THAT GOOD.
...

THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE WITH THIS.
..IT ISN'T ORANGE PEEL TASTE?

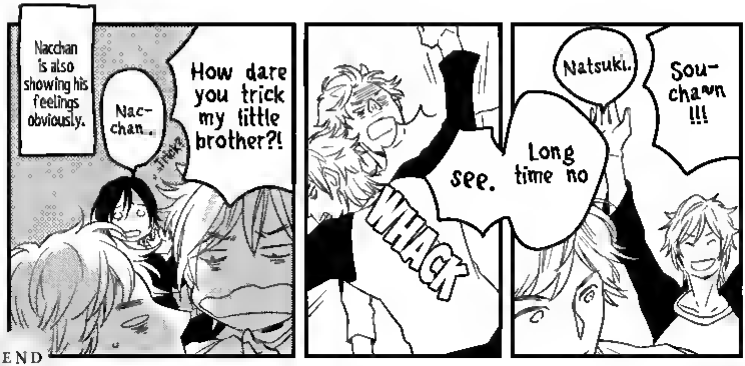
BangaVolla

I SAID WHAT IS IT...
BUT I GUESS THAT WAS PARTLY MY FAULT...
EH?
WHAT?
...THAT'S NOT GOOD
...SOMEHOW EVERYTHING WENT WRONG TODAY
THAT'S BECAUSE I JUST HIT IT OFF WELL WITH YOU, SOU-CHAN.
HARU
YOU DON'T HAVE TO IMITATE LIKE YOU'RE THE SAME AS ME LIKE THAT
I'M NOT IMITATING YOU.

YOU DON'T NEED TO FORCE YOURSELF TO DO SOMETHING YOU HATE. I WON'T COME TO HATE YOU JUST BECAUSE OF THAT.
IT'S NOT LIKE I LOVE YOU BECAUSE YOU LIKE THE SAME THINGS AS ME.
SAY, HARU.
EVEN IF YOU COME TO HATE ME
I WILL STILL KEEP LOVING YOU
HARU.

IT'S THE TRUTH
SINCE I CAN'T ACT.
...
YOU'RE KIDDING ME.
JUMP
OUCH...
ARE SHOWING
MORE LIKE IT'S SHOWING OBVIOUSLY ON YOUR FACE
CONCE-ITED,
HARD TO APPRO-ACH FACE,
IS FEELINGS
UNDER HIS COOL,

DO YOU
LOVE ME THAT MUCH TO THE POINT THAT
YOU'RE BECOMING NOT LIKE YOURSELF
SO I WAS THINKING IF THEY WOULD COME TO INTERVIEW ME, TOO LIKE STICKING A TELOP TO YOUR RUMORED CHILDHOOD FRIEND, S-SAN (22)
THAT'S TOO FUNNY!!
IF THAT EVER HAPPENED, I'D TELL THEM ALL
ABOUT YOUR PURE AND CUTE SIDE, ALL OF THEM.
I'LL BOAST TO THEM ABOUT THAT
YOU...



END

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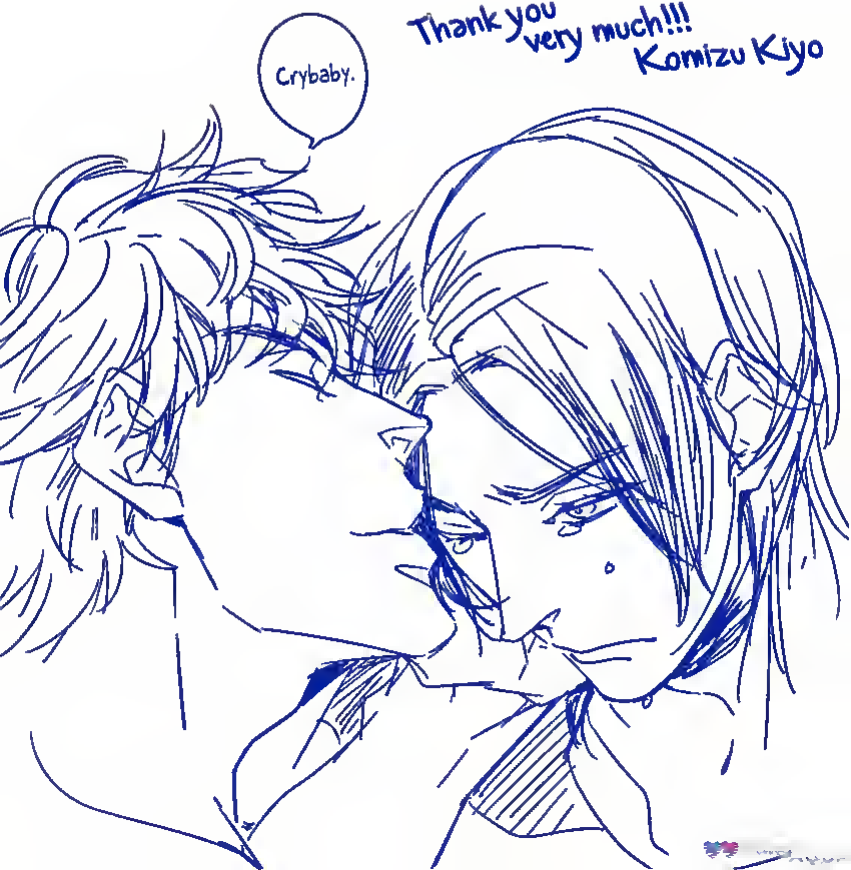
Sou-chan..
I love you so much.
I do love you.
I mean I really love you.
I love you
store-
SHUDDER
thwack
thwack
thwack
What is it?
turn
You were looking at me just now, right?
HUH?
I wasn't Aren't you too self-conscious?
STEP
STEP
STEP..
...
Ah. Is that so?
EH?!! NOW YOU'RE CRYING?!
How trouble-some!!

He abhors a foolish and slow person
Kiyo Komizu



Ah do you prefer beer?
I'll bring tea right away so just sit there
My friend only asked me to keep it for a while
So you have a dog?
CREAK...
CREAAAK...
Kii-chan ?
Kiss Kiss Kiss
Kiichi love woof woof so much!
It's a puppy!!
I was going to get killed.
I thought

「Baka de Guzu wa Daikirai」

Thank you for picking up this book!! I'd be really happy if you could enjoy this even if a bit

Komizu Kiyo

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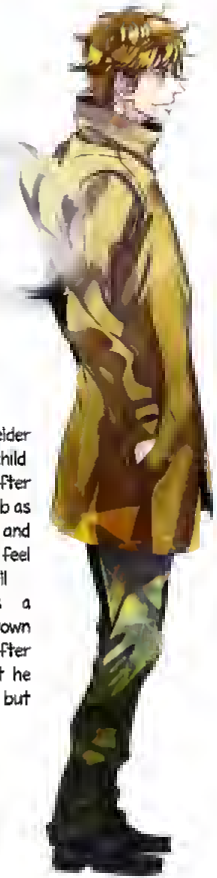

Haru has been in love with Soudai, his elder brother's best friend, since he was a child. More than his brother, Haru chases after Soudai and even gets into the same club as him. He can't be with him all the time, and if Soudai doesn't look at him, he will feel worried but he can't be honest at all. Eventually, when Soudai becomes a university student, he leaves his hometown and he hasn't contacted Haru once after that. He wants to forget Soudai but he can't? Even though this love is painful but he can't stop it———?